ARIZONA JUDICIAL COUNCIL'S LIMITED JURISDICTION COURTS COMMITTEE

Arizona State Courts Building Telephonic Meeting (602) 542-9012 Phoenix, AZ 85007

October 29, 2002

Members Attending:

Honorable R. Michael Traynor, Chair Honorable George Anagnost Honorable Linda Hale Honorable Michael Lester

Absent Members:

Ms. Kathy Barrett (excused)
Ms Faye Coakley
Honorable Judy Ferguson
Honorable Sherry Geisler
Ms. Joan Harphant (excused)
Mr. Theodore Jarvi
Ms. Pam Jones
Honorable John Kennedy (excused)

Honorable John Lamb
Mr. Frank Maiocco
Honorable Ronald O. McDaniel
Honorable G.M. Osterfeld
Mr. Dale Poage
Honorable Antonio Riojas, Jr.
Honorable Mary Scott
Mr. Paul Thomas (excused)

Guests:

None

Staff:

Ms. Debby Finkel, substituting for Ms. Lori Johnson

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Judge R. Michael Traynor called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. He explained the reason for the special meeting was to determine whether to respond to the petition to amend Rule 17.2 because the December meeting was too late to respond before the end of the November 4th comment period. Ms. Eleanor Eisenberg presented Rule 17.2 to the Executive Committee at the October 22nd meeting.

A quorum consists of a simple majority which for LJC is 11 members. Only four members called in. A quorum does not exist and no action can be taken.

Judge Michael Lester stated that Ms. Eleanor Eisenberg, author of Rule 17.2, did not seem to be opposed to more general language that would cover a larger population impacted by potential collateral consequences. Judge Traynor has concern about judges having to specifically warn individuals of all potential collateral consequences because those consequences may not be known by the judge. There are four basic responses. One of those responses seems to have been copied by several people.

Judge Lester mentioned the scenario of a teacher charged with shoplifting. Would that person need to know all about potential consequences? That teacher's job could be in jeopardy.

Judge George Anagnost offered that he drafted a response which follows along the lines of the discussion. He is willing to submit it as an individual. Judge Lester stated that he believes this Rule needs more study concerning impact on the courts, procedurally as well as equal protection issues and is willing to file a response on his own.

Since no quorum existed, no formal action was able to take place.

Conference call ended at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Debby Finkel for Ms. Lori Johnson Staff to the Limited Jurisdiction Courts Committee